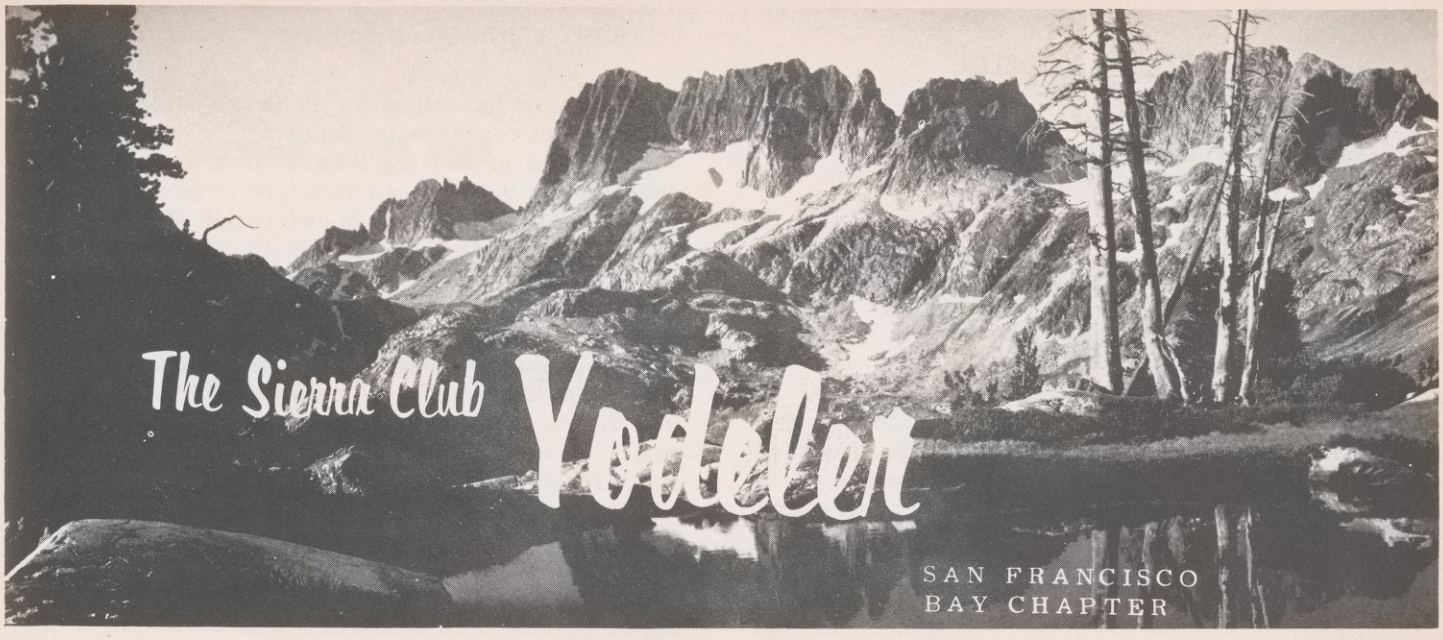

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CONSERVATION: EAST AND WEST

Forty hours in the air and ten thousand miles in two weeks is surely a record even for our active Executive Director. Dave Brower gave the Conservation Committee a report on this recent trip to confer with Conservation groups in northern and eastern States.

In Yakima with the North Cascades Conservation Council he discussed the Glacier Peak area problems particularly the development of mining. A real town below Miners Ridge on the Suiattle River is likely to follow mining operations there accompanied by the usual messy foreground which dumps and sheds give to the superb view. Perhaps we can at least persuade them to do the processing of the ore outside the area. Dave remarked he still finds it difficult to convince people that the Wilderness area as planned by the Forest Service is just not enough.

In Washington, D. C. the Allott bill on Dinosaur was discussed with the Citizens Committee on Natural Resources. The group still feels--as we do--that the bill is dangerous as it now stands. In New York Dave talked with John Oakes, conservation writer for the New York Times, giving him details on some of our western problems and then returned to Wisconsin for the meeting of the Natural Resources Council held at the Audubon Camp in that State. Dave has just completed two years as Chairman of the Council. Charles Callison, Conservation Director of the National Wildlife Federation will be the next chairman. The Council, which now consists of twenty two organizations does not take action on matters brought before it but is a discussion group. It publishes an excellent news service which reports what Congress is doing in this field and is now planning to broaden that to include actions by the various national executive services of the government.

In Boston, Dave was able to show Abigail Avery the first footage of the film on the Glacier Peak wilderness which her generosity has made possible. Contact there with the Appalachian Mountain Club was very encouraging. The Club is anxious to increase its activity in the national field of conserva-

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AND THE SNOWS CAME

And here we are without the shakes on. The snow is gently falling at Nordęn and the new wing of Clair Tappaan Lodge is not ready to receive its guests.

Carpenters, skilled and unskilled - men and women - are needed to hammer up the partitions inside and the shakes outside. For the more domestic minded, there's still laundering and cleaning to be done.

Work parties are really fun and rewarding. You get that extra glow of pride when you visit the lodge and know that you've put in your bit to make it the fine cooperative it is. While at work, there's good fellowship, food and fun.

George Homsey at SUtter 1-0685 or Bob McGillicuddy at Olympic 8-0940 will arrange your transportation.

-- MS

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MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

Well, our Nancy, or maybe I should say Doug Pearson's Nancy, who usually writes this column, couldn't make it tonight -- let's see if your editor remembers how to write a gossip column.

We'll start off telling about two very lucky men, Oscar Ortiz and David Rothkop. Last summer, but we just heard about it, they married, respectively, Chris Ingersoll and Audrey Woodward. We know these girls and that's how we know the men are so lucky.

Tena Catena also rates mention after getting caught in a minor emergency here at Mills Tower. She was coming to the office one night last week to help with the ballot stuffing, and the U-drive night elevator stopped between floors. After some frantic telephoning -- our lifts have phones -- the engineers finally got the power on again. Tena is leaving for Pennsylvania, for a stay of cryptic length--indefinite but not permanent.

CMC reports that Joanne Taylor and Rudy Fink's family are vacationing near the Ganges in Benares, India. Nobody else on the staff and nobody else who has wandered near the city desk seems to have any gossip-column news -- so we'll have to close now. Come back, Nancy!

-- HF

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CONSERVATION: East and West

tion. It now has chapters in seven states and an enthusiastic conservation leader.

No amount of writing letters or telephone calls could be as valuable as this type of personal conference. Dave and other conservation leaders have woven strong bonds between the conservation groups by their travel back and forth over the States.

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At the same meeting, the Conservation Committee heard a report by the sub-committee which is studying the California State Water Plan. Paul Zinke, chairman of the group projected maps covering the plans for each region, south to north and east to west of the State. The whole plan is far too detailed for description here so we can give only a few general impressions. State Bulletins 1 and 2 outlined the needs and the conflicts connected with the use of water. Bulletin 3 deals with the construction program. The maps were carefully examined to note where construction would interfere with recreation areas in which we are particularly interested, and we were pleased to see very little invasion of dedicated wild lands and to hear that Mr. Brooks, chief of this survey, is sympathetic to conservation ideas. We noted that the reservoirs which threatened to flood back into Yosemite National Park have been revised to prevent such invasion. The preservation of wildlife resources dependent upon stream flow is an unsolved problem. In the case of the Klamath River, for example, where the river, like many another of our streams, will become a long chain of lakes the Bulletin 3 admits the extinction of the salmon. All it has to suggest, in so many words, is that we learn to like still water fish.

Private and public utility schemes are far more dangerous to our wild lands than State schemes. Yolla Bolly, headwaters of the San Joaquin, north fork of the Kings, Desolation Wild Area are some of those threatened by aquaducts, diversion and storage. The middle fork of the Feather River is "claimed" by a group of twenty-five families through filings under the Richvale Plan which would reduce the river to nothing, step by step, through power houses to irrigation channels. The State wants reservoirs on the upper part of this river but would maintain a regular flow the year round for fish life. There will be a hearing, and much argument on this Richvale scheme which is severely criticised by the State Department of Fish and Game.

Even the little oasis of virgin timble on Beaver Creek at Laytonville which the Nature Conservancy is trying to preserve is in danger of flooding to gain hydroelectric power. So we reduce our unreplaceable scenic resources, even while the limitless power of the atom-for-peace draws nearer step by step.

-- CMC --

SKYLINE LAKES HIKE

The first bright Sunday in many a month brought out about 70 eager hikers for this trip October 20.

The ten mile round trip was on a wide, smooth road maintained by the S. F. Water Department. The pace was steady but we had lots of time to look about and enjoy the handiwork of the recent unseasonal rains. The tree branches were dripping with hoary-looking Spanish moss and the trunks were swathed in velvety bright moss. There was a lovely reminder to Easterners of colorful autumn when we passed a grove of maples with yellow leaves overhead and the crunchy brown leaves underfoot. Sorry, but the bright morning sky turned sort of gray during the day with gleamings of the sun now and then (mostly then) so we did not see the lakes at their best.

Thanks Adolph and Peter Meyer for a lovely day.

-- MS

HOOHAH!! HOO HAH!!

The cat is out of the bag! THE big event of the year, The Sierra Club Christmas Party, is to be held on December 7 at the Elks Club, 456 Post St., in San Francisco.

Come hob nob with old friends, make some new ones, and maybe meet a stray Elk who wandered in by mistake.

There will be a buffet dinner at eleven o'clock, and dancing all evening to the music of Murray Peterson's orchestra. Attire should be semi-formal, and you may come drag or stag. Tickets are $3.85 and are available at the Club Office or from:

Edna Spalding	THornwall 3-4149
Phyllis Smith	VAlencia 4-4593
Bob Smith	UNderhill 1-9694
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MADISON AVE., PLEASE NOTE

If you really read this issue you'll see a change in our Page 2 Masthead concerning advertising. Here is a short history of the subject.

Years ago -- before our time--The Yodeler used to print short advertisements without charge. Later, a 50¢ fee was established. This was not designed to produce revenue, but merely a token charge, so that members with ads would not feel they were imposing on us. It worked that way, too, for we got more ads when we charged for them than when they were free.

Recently it was felt necessary to review this policy, and this was done with the advice and approval of the executive committee. The basic policy has not been changed:

If you break a leg and want to sell your skis, get married and your wife won't let you run rapids, if you're lonely and want a room-mate, tell us in 3 or 4 lines and we'll help you sell your skis or boat or room for 50¢. Members only--and no business or paying hobby products.

If you're not a member, but want to sell something you have no use for which would particularly appeal to members, such as extra skis, etc., the same 3 or 4 lines will be $1.00.

Other advertising we will generally consider commercial, and the charge is $1.50 per inch.

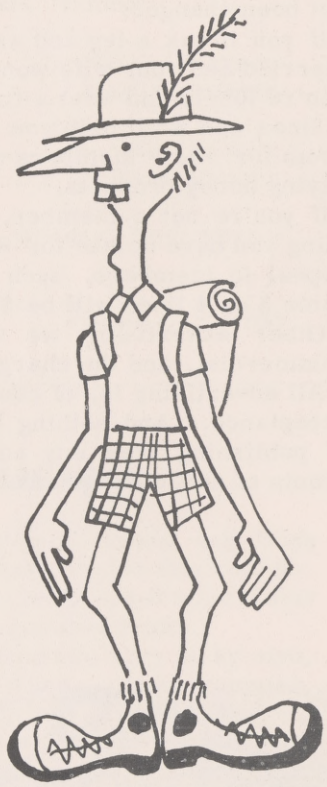
All advertising is, of course, subject to editorial acceptance. And nothing here changes our policy of publishing free any announcements of special events of sufficient general interest.

-- HF

Wes Bunnelle on Knapsack Trip #1.

Boobs in the Wilderness — or — A Child's Guide to the Fauna of Camp + Trail

1) The HARD-HEADED TRAIL RUNNER



Habitat:
One is likely to be found far out in front of any knapsacking group.

Call:
"C'mon - hurry up!!! We got ten miles to go yet."

Habits
Leads all day on the trail, setting a terrific pace; when camp is made at night, he is too tired to help with any of the chores.

ROAD NEWS

Tioga Road will be closed part of each day, beginning October 16.

Open 5-7 p.m. daily
" for limited periods at 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2 p.m.
" all of Sundays.

(A narrow 1-mile section of road skirting Tenaya Lake is being built up and out from existing low-standard roadway.)

WHO'S COVERING UP?

What <u>really</u> happens at Executive Committee meetings? Is there a special password to be whispered at the door to a robed attendant? If so, whose payroll is he on? Do the members actually sign documents in blood? Are any refreshments served? (We can't imagine how these ugly rumors start.) <u>You</u> will have the opportunity of entering the Inner Sanctum to SEE FOR YOURSELF! Don't be afraid-it is past Halloween: Thursday, November 14, in the Club Office at 7:30 p.m. SHARP.

СТТУТНЦК

You can believe it now -- it's not just newspaper talk -- The Yodeler can confirm it -- There Really Is Something Up There! We don't know if it's legal (Lawyers, man your precedents!) but we sure know It's There!

This journalistic scoop was achieved by your editor, who was on deck in time to see both 5:14 a.m. and the "thing" arrive as predicted.

"It" came over the horizon silently -- no jet noise or beeping -- and I missed it at first. But seconds later I was watching, spellbound, this truly amazing sight. You couldn't mistake it for a plane, it didn't even look like one, and besides, it was obviously at a terrific altitude, and no high flying plane ever crossed the heavens that fast. Just a bright star, except that no star ever moved like that. From fairly low on the forward horizon it sped across the sky to disappear behind a building in back of me in about 30 or 40 seconds.

I found it fascinating to imagine how this might impress primitive tribesmen -- or, for that matter, knapsackers who'd left town before the story broke.

What I saw, of course, was the discarded rocket, just a piece of scrap metal thrown away Up There. We know no where on earth is safe, but must we have litterbugs in our Celestial Wilderness too?

-- HF

SEE AND SKI EUROPE 1958

Group - limited to 15 - leaves San Francisco on February 21 via S. A. S. Polar Route. Skiing at Kitzbuhel, Davos, and Zermatt, plus visits to Rome, Paris, and Copenhagen. For details and rates call or write organizer Fred Smith, 431 Bush Street, San Francisco, DOuglas 2-6777.

FOR SALE

Ladies' ski boots, good condition, size 6-1/2C; made by G. H. Bass & Co., Maine. $10.00. Also steel ski poles 45" long - $5.00. Call Mrs. A. DeSilva at WAlnut 1-7489.

Size 4 ladies' hiking boots, with new soles and in excellent shape. Bass make. Contact Dot Ellis at SEabright 1-9975, evenings; or Mrs. H. S. Ellis at LAndscape 5-4016.

SOMETHING NEW IN STAR GAZING

THE MODERN STAR GUIDE makes it easy to learn the constellations and the names of the brighter stars at any hour on any date of the year. It is a 10-inch double-disc arrangement, printed on rigid, durable plastic. Full instructions are printed on the face, and on the back is a wealth of information about the stars and planets. A table of planetary positions for Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn for a period of ten years is included. Endorsed by Morrison Planetarium. Campers, teachers, scout leaders, and individual star gazers need this guide with or without a telescope. Use it at home or on vacation or other out-of-door trips.

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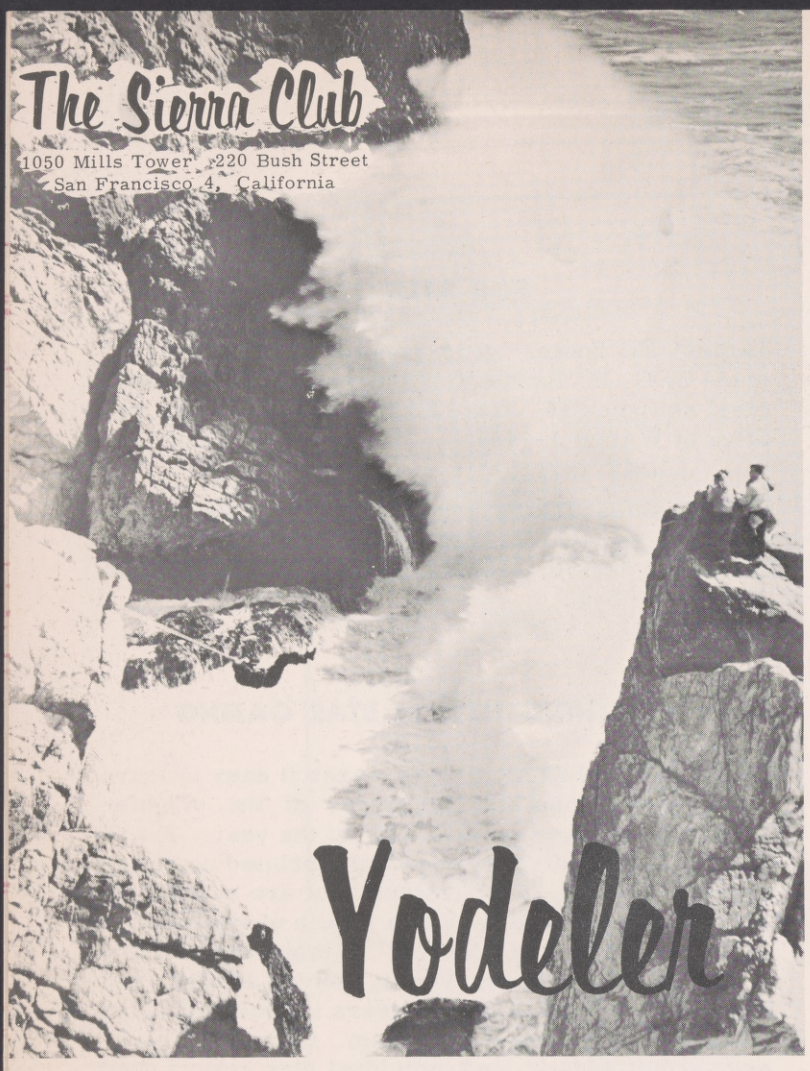

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FRONT COVER PHOTO

The Rock Climbers set up a Tyrolean Traverse one stormy March Sunday in 1949, at Devil's Slide on the San Mateo coast. The regular climbing site, not visible in the picture, isn't even there any more, due to intense marine erosion. Photographer unknown, perhaps Bob Swift.

LATE AGAIN

Sorry, if you searched your letterbox in vain for five days for the last issue of THE YODELER. That Flu bug really was buzzing around Lou Elliott's shop. It stung almost every one in his shop. Now that they've had it, they ought to be immune. And we hope we are, too, from further epidemics of late YODELERS.

-- MS

ALL ABOARD

You land lubbers had better bring your dramamine and water wings to the East Bay Dinner on Wednesday, November 13. Glenn Gaumer promises to give you an idea of how exciting foldboating is by showing slides, and maybe even setting up a boat and running a movie.

Welcome aboard the S. S. Foldboat at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 in the Willard School Mess Hall, Berkeley. Phone Jean Bonner at OLympic 5-1156 before 10:00 p.m. Monday, November 11, for dinner reservations. Please let a committee member know if you can't use your reservation.

-- Elaine Carl